

§ 76.25-90

(h) All wiring and electrical circuits and equipment shall meet the applicable requirements of subchapter J (Electrical Engineering) of this chapter.

(i) All piping, valves, fittings, pressure tanks, etc., must meet the applicable requirements of subchapter F (Marine Engineering) of this chapter.

(j) A framed chart or diagram shall be installed in the wheelhouse or control station adjacent to the detecting cabinet indicating the location of the various detecting zones and giving instructions for the operation, maintenance, and testing of the system. This chart, or a separate card or booklet to be kept near the chart, shall have tabulated spaces for the date and signature of the licensed officer of the vessel who shall witness or conduct the periodic tests.

(k) The audible alarms shall be identified as required by § 78.47-13 of this subchapter.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16940, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 74-125A, 47 FR 15231, Apr. 8, 1982]

§ 76.25-90 Installations contracted for prior to September 30, 1997.

(a) Existing arrangements, materials, and facilities previously approved shall be considered satisfactory so long as they meet the minimum requirements of this paragraph, and they are maintained in good condition to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. Minor repairs and replacements may be made to the same standards as the original installation.

(b) The details of the system shall be in general agreement with NFPA 13-1996 insofar as is reasonable and practicable. Existing piping, pumping facilities, sprinkler heads, and operating devices may be retained provided a reasonable coverage of the spaces protected is assured.

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Subpart 76.27—Electric Fire Detecting System, Details

§ 76.27-1 Application.

(a) Where an electric fire detecting system is installed, the provisions of this subpart, with the exception of § 76.27-90, shall apply to all installa-

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tions contracted for on or after November 19, 1952. Installations contracted for prior to November 19, 1952, shall meet the requirements of § 76.27-90.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 76.27-5 Zoning.

(a) The fire detecting system shall be divided into separate zones to restrict the area covered by any particular alarm signal.

(b) All spaces in a fire detecting zone shall be accessible from one to another without leaving the deck involved. All doors in watertight subdivision bulkheads and main vertical zone bulkheads shall be assumed closed for the purpose of this requirement.

(c) The fire detecting zone shall not include spaces on more than one deck, except:

(1) Adjacent and communicating spaces on different decks in the ends of the vessel having a combined ceiling area of not more than 3,000 square feet.

(2) Isolated rooms or lockers in such spaces as mast houses, wheelhouse top, etc., which are easily communicable with the area of the fire-detecting circuit to which they are connected.

(3) Systems with indicators for individual spaces.

(d) The fire detecting zone shall not contain more than 50 protected rooms or spaces.

§ 76.27-10 Location and spacing of detectors.

(a) The detectors shall be located close to the overhead in the space protected. Where liable to physical damage, the detector shall be suitably protected.

(b) Unless specifically approved otherwise, no spot on the overhead of a protected space shall be more than 10 feet from a detector. Where beams or girders extend below the ceiling, or where the ceiling is installed at more than one level, the detectors shall be so located as to be most effective.

§ 76.27-15 Operation and installation.

(a) The system shall be so arranged and installed that the presence of a fire in any of the protected spaces will be automatically registered visibly and